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DECLARATION OF ALAN F. WAHL

1. I, Alan F. Wahl, declare as follows.

2. I am the Vice President, Technology Research, at Trubion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the assignee of the above-identified patent application. A copy of my Curriculum Vitae is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

3. Various single chain proteins were made that include a binding domain capable of binding a target biological molecule joined to a IgG hinge peptide with two cysteine residues (one at the cysteine position responsible for forming a disulfide bond with a light chain constant region in a naturally occurring IgG antibody) further joined to immunoglobulin heavy chain CH2 and CH3 constant region polypeptides. A number of the single chain proteins were demonstrated to promote antibody-dependent, cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC) and/or complement fixation.

4. Examples of such single chain proteins that were made are:

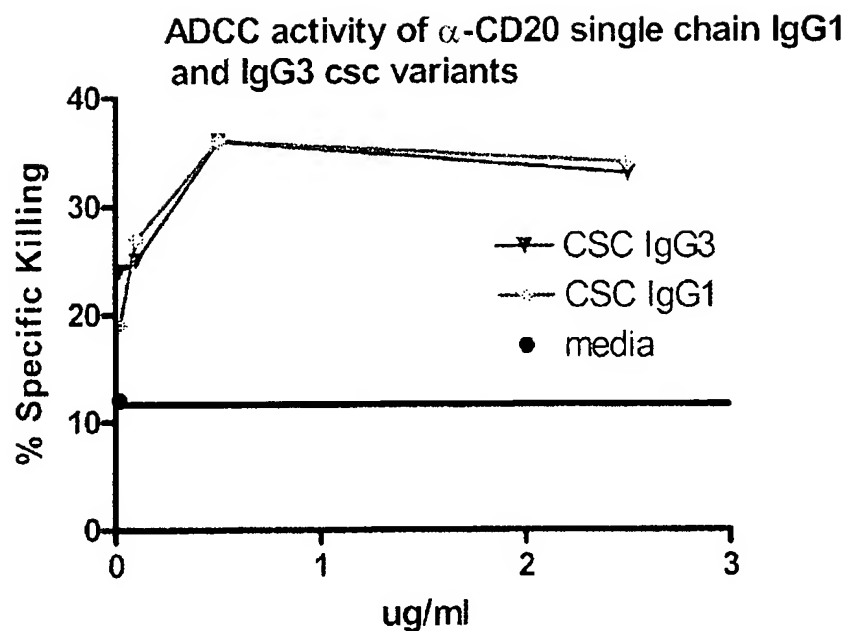
Single chain protein	Binding domain target	Hinge	CH2	CH3
1 (TRU-015)	CD20	IgG ₁ CSC	IgG ₁	IgG ₁
2	CD20	IgG ₁ CCS	IgG ₁	IgG ₁
3	CD37	IgG ₁ CSC	IgG ₁	IgG ₁
4	CD20	IgG ₃ CSC	IgG ₁	IgG ₁

5. Single chain proteins 1 and 4 were tested and found to promote ADCC and

complement fixation.

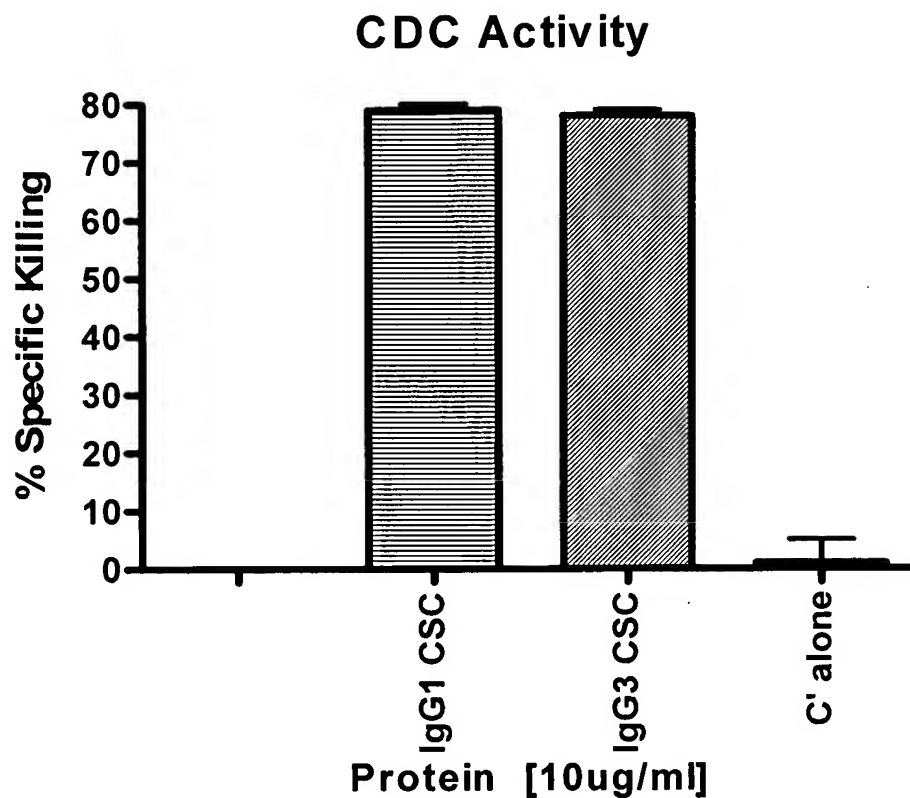
6. The ADCC assays were conducted as follows. Briefly, 1×10^7 /ml BJAB B-cells were labeled with 500 uCi/ml ^{51}Cr sodium chromate (#CJS1, Amersham Biosciences, Piscataway, NJ) for 2 hrs at 37°C in Iscoves media (#12440-053, Gibco/Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) with 10% FBS (#16140-071, Gibco/Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY). The ^{51}Cr loaded BJAB were then washed 3 times in RPMI (#11875-093, Gibco/Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) media with 10% FBS and resuspended at 4×10^5 /ml in RPMI. Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) from in-house donors were isolated from heparinized whole blood via centrifugation over Lymphocyte Separation Medium (#50494, MP Biomedicals, Aurora, OH), washed 2 times with RPMI media and resuspended at 5×10^6 /ml in RPMI with 10% FBS. Single chain proteins were added to RPMI media with 10% FBS at 4 times the final concentration and three 10-fold serial dilutions for each single chain protein were prepared. These single chain proteins were then added to 96-well U- bottom plates at 50 ul/well for the indicated final concentrations. The ^{51}Cr labeled BJAB were then added to the plates at 50 ul/well (2×10^4 /well). The PBMC were then added to the plates at 100 ul/well (5×10^5 /well) for a final ratio of 25:1 effectors (PBMC):target (BJAB). Effectors and targets were added to media alone to measure background killing. The ^{51}Cr labeled BJAB were added to media alone to measure spontaneous release of ^{51}Cr and to media with 5% NP40 (#28324, Pierce, Rockford, IL) to measure maximal release of ^{51}Cr . The plates were incubated for 6 hours at 37°C in 5% CO_2 . Fifty ul (can use 25 ul) of the supernatant from each well were then transferred to a LumaPlate-96 (#6006633, Perkin Elmer, Boston, MA) and dried overnight at room temperature. In the morning, cpm were read on a Packard TopCount-NXT. Percent specific killing was calculated by subtracting cpm (mean of quadruplicate samples) of sample – cpm spontaneous release/cpm maximal release-cpm spontaneous release X 100. Figure 1 below shows the results of the assays.

Figure 1



7. The complement fixation assays were conducted as follows. In brief, approximately 3×10^5 Ramos B-cells were added per well to 96-well V-bottomed plates in 50 ul of Iscoves (#12440-053, Gibco/Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) media (no FBS). The single chain proteins in Iscoves, (or Iscoves alone) were added to the wells in 50 ul at 2 times the indicated final concentration. The cells and single chain proteins were incubated for 45 minutes at 37°C. The cells were washed 2 ½ times in Iscoves with no FBS and resuspended in Iscoves with human serum (# A113, Quidel, San Diego, CA) in the 96-well plate at the indicated concentrations. The cells were then incubated for 90 minutes at 37°C. The cells were washed by centrifugation and resuspended in 125 ul cold PBS. The cells were transferred to FACs cluster tubes (#4410, CoStar, Corning, NY) and 125 ul PBS with propidium iodide (# P-16063, Molecular Probes, Eugene, OR) at 5 ug/ml was added. The cells were incubated with the propidium iodide for 15 minutes at room temperature in the dark and then placed on ice and read and analyzed on a FACsCalibur with CellQuest software (Becton Dickinson). The results of the assays are shown in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2



8. Single chain protein 1 (TRU-015) also exhibited a clinical benefit for rheumatoid arthritis patients in a Phase IIa study in humans. Results of the study were presented at the American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting, Washington, DC during the week of November 10-15, 2006. A copy of the poster presented is attached as Exhibit 3. Furthermore, enrollment and dosing of patients has been completed for a Phase IIb clinical trial in human rheumatoid arthritis patients.

9. Other single chain proteins, described below, were made that include a binding domain capable of binding a target biological molecule joined to an IgG hinge peptide with one cysteine residue (the one cysteine being at the position responsible for forming a disulfide bond with a light chain constant region in a naturally occurring IgG antibody) further joined to immunoglobulin heavy chain CH2 and CH3 constant region polypeptides.

Single chain protein	Binding domain target	Hinge	CH2	CH3
5	CD20	IgG ₃ CSS	IgG ₁	IgG ₁
6	CD20	IgG ₁ CSS	IgG ₁	IgG ₁
7	CD37	IgG ₁ CSS	IgG ₁	IgG ₁

10. Like the two-cysteine single chain proteins, single chain protein 5 promoted ADCC and complement fixation activities when tested in the assays described above. See Figures 3 and 4.

Figure 3

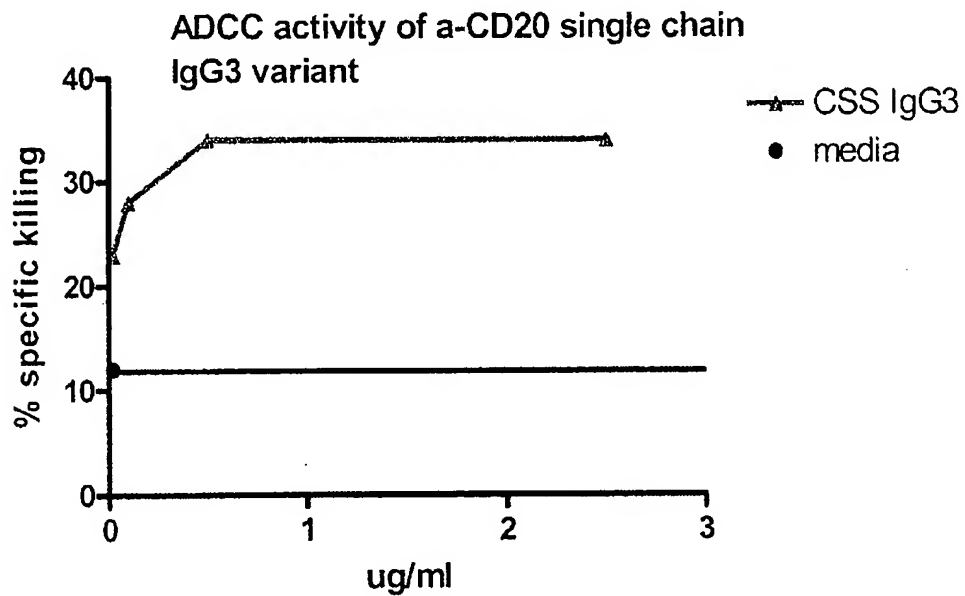
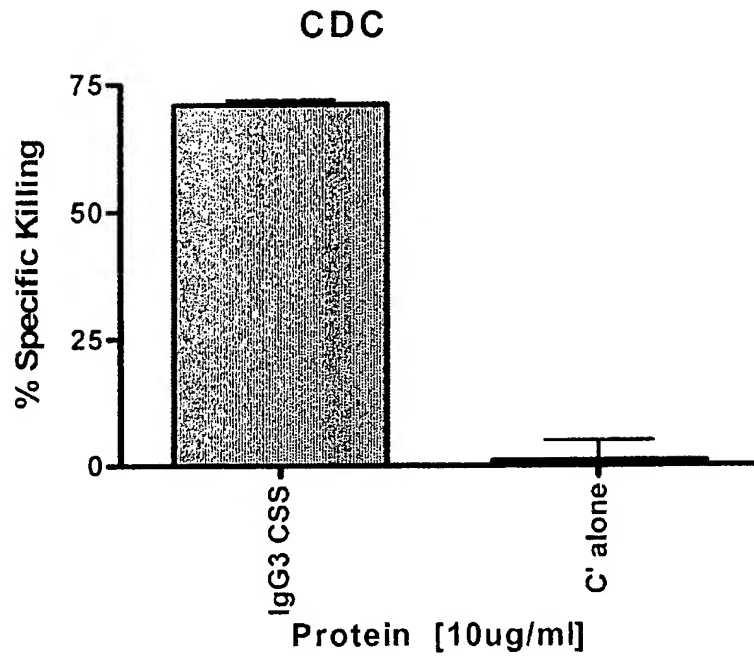


Figure 4



11. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Exhibit 1

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Management Expertise:

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- Discovery and preclinical development of targeted biologics and small molecules for treatment of cancer and immunologic diseases.
- Identified and advanced numerous preclinical candidates
- Led preclinical IND teams for all Seattle Genetics' drugs currently in development or in clinical trials.
- Responsible for a strong in-house discovery/ development pipeline.

Management Expertise:

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1998-2000 Director, Biochemistry and Tumor Biology
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Management Areas: Established company core competencies in Immunology, Tumor Cell Biology, and Experimental Therapeutics for drug discovery and development. Directly organized, staffed and grew departments of biology drug discovery and experimental therapeutics. Helped staff and shape Clinical, Development, Chemistry and Preclinical Development Departments for the newly formed company. Lead preclinical discovery and development teams, and successfully represented their accomplishments, including IND enabling studies to the company, investors and collaborators.

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Society & Committee Memberships:

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Molecular Biology: All stages of cDNA cloning and sequencing, PCR, Northern and Southern analysis, transcriptional regulation, analysis, and gene expression.

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Protein Chemistry: Purification: HPLC, FPLC, RP, ion exchange, gel permeation and ligand affinity chromatography; chromato- and isoelectric focusing; synthesis of protein and nucleic acid based matrices, chromogenic and isotopic labeling.

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Drug Development: Authored preclinical sections to INDs for acytokine anti-inflammatory, a small molecule anti-cancer agent, and multiple antibody and antibody-drug conjugate anti-cancer clinical candidates. Authored numerous SOPs for drug development candidates.

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PREDOCTORAL EMPLOYMENT

1979-1981 Senior Research Associate, Biochemistry Division, Eastman Kodak Research, Rochester, NY. Development of solid-state immunochemical assays. Purification of serum proteins, antigen/antibody production, biomolecule immobilization on synthetic supports.

1978 Research Technician, U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Albany, NY. Developed immunodiagnosics for Legionnaire's disease/Rocky mountain spotted fever. Rickettsia cell surface protein isolation and development of solid-phase immunoassays.

1976-1977 Area Administrator, National Technical Institute for the Deaf/R.I.T., Rochester NY. While a full time undergraduate student, directed a staff of 35 resident advisors to oversee a 2000-person residence complex for the hearing impaired.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Exhibit 2

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TRU-015, A SMALL MODULAR IMMUNOPHARMACEUTICAL (SMIPT™) DRUG CANDIDATE DIRECTED AGAINST CD20, DEMONSTRATES CLINICAL IMPROVEMENT IN SUBJECTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: Protein therapeutics directed against CD20-antigen on B lymphocytes have been demonstrated to be highly effective in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (RA). However, these therapies are associated with a high risk of infection and are made from animal cells. TRU-015 is a CD20-directed, SMIPT drug candidate that selectively depletes B lymphocytes in cynomolgus monkeys in a dose-dependent manner, and improves survival in mouse allograft tumor models.^{1,2}

CONCLUSIONS: Preliminary, a dose escalation study in subjects with RA demonstrated that TRU-015 was generally well-tolerated and resulted in dose-dependent improvements in clinical response. This study was designed to further assess the safety and efficacy of TRU-015 and to additionally evaluate clinical response in RA subjects with active disease treated with TRU-015.

RESULTS: Thirty-seven RA subjects with active disease despite background methotrexate were enrolled in the randomized, double-blind, multi-center, placebo-controlled study. Subjects were stratified into one of three treatment groups based on their baseline DAS28 score. In the TRU-015 group, subjects received 1.5 mg, 3 mg, or 15 mg of TRU-015 in two infusions one week apart. Subjects were generally well-tolerated with no additional or adverse events observed.

CONCLUSIONS: TRU-015, administered at doses ranging from 1.5 mg to 15 mg, was generally well-tolerated. No significant adverse events were observed. No subjects in the TRU-015 group achieved a DAS28 score of 2.6 or less, compared to 10% in the placebo group. In the TRU-015 group, subjects achieved a DAS28 score of 2.6 or less in 10% of subjects, compared to 0% in the placebo group.

Background

Small Modular Immunopharmaceutical (SMIPT) drugs

- SMIPT drugs are single-chain polypeptides that are engineered for optimal potency and pharmacokinetics. They are composed of a single-chain polypeptide that is fused to a small molecule, such as a drug, antibody, or enzyme, via a non-covalent interaction.
- SMIPT drugs are designed to be highly specific for their target, and to be highly stable in the presence of proteases and other enzymes.
- SMIPT drugs are designed to be highly soluble in aqueous solutions, and to be highly stable in the presence of heat and light.

CD20 and TRU-015

- CD20 directed therapy is well established in oncology, and has been demonstrated to be highly effective in the treatment of B-cell lymphomas.
- In the TRU-015 study, subjects were stratified into three treatment groups based on their baseline DAS28 score. In the TRU-015 group, subjects received 1.5 mg, 3 mg, or 15 mg of TRU-015 in two infusions one week apart.
- In the TRU-015 group, subjects achieved a DAS28 score of 2.6 or less in 10% of subjects, compared to 0% in the placebo group.

In a Phase 1 study, TRU-015 has been shown to be highly effective in the treatment of B-cell lymphomas.

- TRU-015 was generally well-tolerated, and no significant adverse events were observed.
- In the TRU-015 group, subjects achieved a DAS28 score of 2.6 or less in 10% of subjects, compared to 0% in the placebo group.

TRU-015 Phase 2a clinical study in subjects with rheumatoid arthritis

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Methods

Study Design

- This was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study designed to evaluate the safety and efficacy of TRU-015 in subjects with active disease.
- Subjects were stratified into three treatment groups based on their baseline DAS28 score. In the TRU-015 group, subjects received 1.5 mg, 3 mg, or 15 mg of TRU-015 in two infusions one week apart.

Subjects

- Subjects were enrolled in the study if they had active disease despite background methotrexate.
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Interventions

- Subjects in the TRU-015 group received 1.5 mg, 3 mg, or 15 mg of TRU-015 in two infusions one week apart.
- Subjects in the placebo group received placebo in two infusions one week apart.

Outcomes

- The primary outcome was the change in DAS28 score from baseline to week 12.
- Secondary outcomes included the change in CRP, ESR, and HAQ-DI score.

Results

Demographics (N=31)

- Gender: 17 Female, 14 Male (55%)
- Ethnicity: 17 Caucasian, 14 African American (55%)
- Mean age range: 31-72
- Mean weight: 78 kg
- Mean duration of disease (range): 6.9 years (0-32)

Discontinuations

- 2 subjects discontinued from study prior to 24 weeks.
- 1 subject discontinued from study due to adverse event.

Adverse Events

- One serious adverse event was reported during the 24 week period. A 40 year old female developed cholecystitis 5 months after study drug administration. The subject underwent cholecystectomy without complication.
- One subject discontinued from study due to adverse event.

Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Comparison of TRU-015: Single vs. Split Dose

- TRU-015 was generally well-tolerated, and no significant adverse events were observed.
- In the TRU-015 group, subjects achieved a DAS28 score of 2.6 or less in 10% of subjects, compared to 0% in the placebo group.

Immunogenicity

Subjects were evaluated for the presence of anti-TRU-015 antibodies. No anti-TRU-015 antibodies were detected in any of the subjects.

Conclusions

- TRU-015 administration to subjects with rheumatoid arthritis was generally well-tolerated.
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